

White Mayors, Senators and Representatives
Dancing with the Elite—White La-
dies Dancing with Colored Gentlemen.
"Would you like to attend this?" said
Governor Scott to the other day as he
elaborately gazed up envelope
bearing a huge monogram. I took it and
read as follows:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY B,
SECOND REGIMENT S. C. N. G.,
March 28, 1871.

The pleasure of your company is re-
spectfully solicited at the second annual
ball to be given by Company B, of the
Second Regiment South Carolina National
Guard, at Janney's Hall, Columbia, on
Saturday evening, April 1, 1871. By com-
mand of
JACOB THOMPSON,
Captain Company B.

"Will this be a *recherché* affair?" I en-
quired, as I folded the envelope.

"No, yes," said the Governor, "the
venue is at the residence of our colored society
will be there, and you'll have a pleasant
time."
"Shall you and Mrs. Scott attend?"
"Well, hardly. You see, the Gov-
ernor, and here his eye twinkled, "I
haven't been very well here lately, and
anything like violent exercise, such as
dancing, for instance, throws me off my
feet. Mrs. Scott and I have sent regrets."

"Will there be any white people there?"

"On yes, I have heard several signify
their intention to attend."

I pocketed the invitation and resolved to
attend.

SCENE AROUND THE HALL.

Saturday came, and with it the martial
display so summarily checked by the Gov-
ernor's order, and which was designed to
prevent the peace of the city. Notwith-
standing the fact that the Second Regi-
ment's drill and parade were thus sus-
pended, the preparations for the ball of Com-
pany B went actively forward. At an
early hour Janney's Hall, which, by the
way, was elaborately decorated for the oc-
casion, presented a lively scene. Members
of the company and officers of the regi-
ment in full uniform assembled in large
numbers in and around the hall, and hon-
ored guests of less favored colored persons
gathered at the street below, and gazed with
envious eyes upon the gorgeous trappings
of their brethren. A band of colored mu-
sicians discoursed sweet music on a bal-
cony above, to the strains of which the
guests marched into the ball room.

At Jacob Thompson, the gentlemanly
commander of Company B, is a coal black
negro of huge proportions. His manly
form was clad in a dark blue military suit,
somewhat resembling in cut the dress of
an Alpine hunter. The coat was trimmed
with black velvet, and on the Captain's
shoulders gleamed a pair of the shiniest
epaulettes. He was ubiquitous. He gal-
lantly aided ebony belles to surmount the
steep staircase, and also flitted about the
refreshment table, and superintended the
proper arrangement of the choice viands.
The Captain is a very fine looking officer.
He is not so graceful in his movements as
your Col. Fisk, but he is quite

AS GALLANT AMONG THE LADIES.

He is very popular, and many a coal-
black eye brightened in intensity, and
many a dusky countenance blushed as the
pale beauty, Captain Thompson, escorted
the ladies up the steep staircase. He was
assisted in this delicate duty by the lieuten-
ants of his command.

The lieutenants are not so handsome as
their captain. They have not been so long
in society, neither have they been exposed
extensively as he. They did well, how-
ever. Like the captain, they were attired
in the height of military fashion, and were
great favorites with the colored ladies on
the floor.

At a quarter of eight the ball room was crowd-
ed with the youth and beauty of Colum-
bia's colored society. There was also a
fair sprinkling of whites, but not enough
to mar the pleasure of the company.

Several unpleasant little incidents occur-
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married to the white Senator McIntyre, of
Colleton, wore a pearl colored moire an-
gle, with long train, the dress cut de-
collete, and trimmed elaborately with

d'Alencon of great depth. Over the skirt

was a white tulle panier, looped and feath-
ered with white roses and orange blos-
soms. Miss Lottie presented a very beau-
tiful appearance. She danced very fre-
quently with her betrothed. She is easy
and graceful on the floor, and excited the
highest admiration as she floated about
clipped in the arm of Senator McIntyre.

Miss Kate Rollin was attired in a heavy

colored silk, with sweeping train. It
was trimmed with rich lace laid on in deep
folds, and headed with jet braid. She
wore a red rose in her hair, and was en-
tirely free from jewelry. She is also a
beautiful dancer, and was on the floor al-
most constantly.

Miss Louise was arrayed in a crimson

satin, trimmed with heavy folds of the
same material. She also wore a light gauzy
overskirt dotted with red roses. Her dress
was cut low, displaying her neck and
shoulders, which were beautiful. Miss
Louise was the most admired of either of
the young ladies and received many atten-
tions from the colored officers, who vied
with each other for the honor of her hand
in the different sets. She danced constant-
ly and looked exceedingly attractive. Sen-
ator McIntyre danced with Miss Louise
several times, and the two, when on the
floor together, were the cynosure of all
eyes.

AMONG THE WHITE LADIES PRESENT,

and one that attracted much attention for
her beauty and elegance of attire, was
Mrs. Covisart, the wife of a Northern
man, a merchant in this city. Mrs. Covisart
presented a lovely appearance. She
was dressed in plain white, with flowers
and no jewelry. She is also a beautiful
dancer, and attracted much attention in
the Varsoviense, in which she had as a
partner Alderman Minor, who is equally
graceful in that beautiful dance. The
dancing was continued until a late hour,
when the guests departed for their homes.
He clasped his fair partner as firmly as
an iron band clasps a cotton bale and un-
dressed softly to the music like a ground
swell on the beach.

Wearied at last of looking at the dancers,

of which there were so many on the floor,
I took a seat in the corner and watched
those who came in at a late hour, as well
as the many who, for lack of room, were
obliged to refrain from whirling in the
dance. Of course the colored ladies pre-
dominated. They were Judges, Justices
of the Peace, known here as Trial Justices,
lawyers, members of both Houses of the
Legislature in large numbers, employees
in the Executive Department, and, in
short, representatives from almost every
branch of the community. The dancing
with neatness, but with few exceptions no
diamonds were worn.

This regarded as rather singular, for it

seems elsewhere to be the inherent right
of persons to wear precious jewels. The
only known jewels worn were a pair of
diamond earrings, which were worn by
the statement that the African maid does not
aspire to expensive jewelry. Your African
legislator wants something very large and
showy, but not expensive. He cannot see
the use of putting his money into one
diamond, or a ring, when he can additionally ex-
pend it he can secure a dozen different kinds
and shapes.